

Sinclair
Broadcasting's move
to force their
stations to air an
apparent anti-Kerry
special interest
program during prime
time when the public
is expecting their
regular programs is
arrogant and truly
against the spirit
of of trust granted
to them.

As an educated and
public spirited
American, I believe
this should be
stopped...not
discussed later.
Not even if Sinclair
promoted and
broadcasted
"Fahrenheit 911"
during prime time a
week before our
national election
2004 should this be
allowed. Partisan
politics programming
has no place outside
of public debate
and paid
advertising. The
negative ads of any
party is shameful
use of public
hearing. In my
opinion, if a church
cannot promote a
specific candidate
without losing its
non-profit status, a
similar rule should
apply here.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important

that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please keep our airwaves open for honest debate of issues affecting the public, not for free use of public airwaves for assailing a candidate for public office and/or partisan politics. Thank you.